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Development of Degraded Forests
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government proposes to launch a new scheme to develop degraded forest land under PPP mode and if so, the details thereof; and

(b)the steps taken by the Government to grow local species of plants and trees on such land for sustainability of flora and fauna?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)

(b) There is no proposal to launch a new Scheme to develop degraded forest lands under PPP mode. However, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is working on policy guidelines for encouraging participation of all stakeholders including public and private sector in afforestation and restoration of degraded forests with the objectives to improve forest cover, productivity and quality.

Choice of species for plantation on any forest land depends on number of factors including site quality, climatic and edaphic factors etc., which contribute to sustainability of flora and fauna. The National Afforestation Programme of the Ministry emphasizes selection of suitable species for improvement of forests under different models of plantations like aided natural regeneration, artificial regeneration, mixed plantation of trees having minor forest produce and medicinal values, pasture/silvi-pastoral development, bamboo and cane plantation and regeneration of perennial herbs and shrubs.

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